

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
Thursday June 25, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
Green County – Courthouse – Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe and Wiegel of Lafayette County, Blumer, Kubly and Fiduccia from Green County. Absent; Ludlum from Lafayette County and Delain from Iowa County. Also present were members from the local ATV and snowmobile clubs.

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. Tom Jean verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Heimann declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion by Wolfe and second by Kubly to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Blumer and second by Wiegel to approve the May 21, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail.

Tom reported that he has not heard anything regarding grant funding for the 2015-2016 seasons. The ATV, UTV and Snowmobile funding was applied for by the April 15th deadline and notification of funding will probably be coming in early to mid July.

Annie Loeschler from the DNR called Tom regarding the bridge rehabilitation grant application. Tom had applied for grant money to widen 4 different bridges with concrete and she wanted to know if it would be more cost effective to use wood. After some discussion with Lee, it was decided that concrete suits our bridges better and last a lot longer therefore making this the best cost effective alternative. Tom will contact Annie with this information.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail.

Lee reported that the storm on Monday morning June 22nd left a lot of trees and debris across the trail, mainly from Calamine to Belmont with some more from Darlington to Calamine. A crew of about 22 people from the Tri County ATV club cleared the majority of the debris and the trail was back open by 8 PM that same evening. There are spots where more trees need to be cleared and gravel needs to be graded but for the most part the damage has been cleaned up.

Jeff Voegeli reported minimal damage to the Green County end of the trail with 3 small trees and some minor washouts that he took care of.

The Blackhawk and Fayette snowmobile maintenance accounts have some money left in them due to the mild winter. Following some discussion a motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Wiegel to allow Lee to use this money to apply more fines on their portions of the trail. This motion carried.

Lee mentioned that the blacktop areas of the trail through the villages and cities need to be looked at and maybe could use a sealcoat soon. Tom will review this and report next month.

The Lafayette County zoning department has contacted Tom regarding a flood plain permit for the dumpster/recycle area along the trail. A motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Wiegel to have Tom apply for a floodplain permit on behalf of the Trails Commission and the motion carried.

Tom received a request from the PRTC for a certificate of insurance as required by the MOU with the PRTC and the Counties. A motion to secure this proof of insurance and get copies to the PRTC was made by Blumer and seconded by Fiduccia and motion carried. Tom will call County Mutual and have them send this certificate.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

Larry Whitehead reported that their club had member pass away and left them a donation of \$2,000 and wanted permission from the commission to accept this donation and allow Jeff Voegeli to use it on an improvement on an area of Franklin road that washes out regularly. The commission gave them permission to accept this donation and turn it over to Jeff.

The Patterson bridge removal and road project is being bid on July 14th and is scheduled for construction to begin this fall. Tom will check on the schedule and report at the next meeting.

Public comment: None

Fencing Request: None.

Status of Funds and approval of vouchers. Vouchers presented for approval included: ATV Funds: Ivey Construction \$11,772.25 for fines delivered. Jeff Voegeli \$1,093.71 for grading & mowing. Snowmobile Funds: Jeff Voegeli \$2,610.29 for grading and maintenance. A motion was made by Blumer and seconded by Wolfe to approve the vouchers and Status of funds as shown. Motion carried.

The balance of the snowmobile funds need to be used before the end of June and a motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Wiegel to allow Lee McCarville to use the balance of the funds from the Blackhawk and Fayette Clubs to add fines to places that need it. The motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 23, 2015 at the Calamine Pavilion at 7:00 PM. Lee McCarville will provide a meal and beverages.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Kubly and seconded by Fiduccia to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Motion carried

Submitted 7/20/2015 TRJ